I write in support of the proposal. Morse code should be required
at an appropriate level (5 words per minute for novice,
technician and general, 20 wpm for Amateur Extra) for the reasons cited.
Important to me is the fact that knowledge of the code should be a requirment to
obtain a hobby license and that knowledge of the code will make for a pool of
readily-available communicators when all else fails (and, believe me, it has and
will fail again!). Please keep the code, no matter what speed.

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